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Session 1: Word List

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**
Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something
synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak
The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym: ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

canon

n. a set of rules, principles, or standards by which something is judged or measured

synonym: rule, principle, standard

(1) **canon** law, (2) strict **canon**

The **canon** of classical literature includes works by Shakespeare, Chaucer, and Homer.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta

for dinner.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

astonishment

n. a feeling of very great surprise

synonym: wonder, surprise, amazement

(1) blink in **astonishment**, (2) struck with **astonishment**

They stood rooted in **astonishment** for a while.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

childbirth

n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

synonym: delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**

He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym: circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

synonym: strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

synonym: enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

enterprise

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

synonym : business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**

A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

routinely

adv. on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

synonym : habitually, regularly, customarily

(1) **routinely** check, (2) **routinely** scheduled maintenance

They **routinely** conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the building knows what to do in an emergency.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym : series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

synonym : garbage, waste, refuse

(1) **trash** bin, (2) **trash** disposal site

The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of **trash** in the streets.

sully

v. to tarnish or damage the purity or integrity of; to defile
synonym : tarnish, sully, defile

(1) **sully** luster, (2) **sully** the beauty of the beach

The politician tried to **sully** the reputation of a rival.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

mortgage

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

synonym : home loan, loan, lien

(1) **mortgage** payment, (2) fixed-rate **mortgage**

They were able to purchase their dream home with a **mortgage** from the bank.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym : angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

aback

adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something

synonym: surprised, astounded, shocked

(1) flat **aback**, (2) **aback** shock

The sudden news of the merger took me **aback**.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym: belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread

to the United Kingdom.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature
He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

inception

n. the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

synonym : origin, beginning, start

(1) **inception** date, (2) lease **inception**

The idea for the company was formed at its **inception** and has since grown into a successful business.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym : earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

blockchain

n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

(1) **blockchain** platform, (2) the scalability of **blockchain**

Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of **blockchain** technology.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

rescue

v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

synonym : save, extricate, retrieve

(1) **rescue** a dying dog, (2) **rescue** a company from bankruptcy

The fire department arrived just in time to **rescue** the family from the burning building.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym : show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

- silo** *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
synonym: storage, warehouse, barn
(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization
The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.
- gap** *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
synonym: opening, lacuna, spread
(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**
Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.
- invite** *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
synonym: ask, request, summon
(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism
We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.
- peer** *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart
(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review
Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.
- quest** *n.* a long or challenging search for something
synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit
(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness
That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.
- unique** *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
synonym: one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable
(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design
The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

Session 2: Spelling

1. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
2. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
3. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
4. undertake an ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
5. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
6. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
7. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
8. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
9. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
10. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

ANSWERS: 1. amazing, 2. decide, 3. statistics, 4. enterprise, 5. fantasy, 6. delight, 7. unique, 8. hero, 9. philanthropy, 10. discriminate

11. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
12. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
13. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
14. fixed-rate mo_____ge *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
15. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
16. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
17. in_____on date *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
18. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
19. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
20. positive feedback l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 11. novel, 12. critic, 13. unexpected, 14. mortgage, 15. medicinal, 16. argue, 17. inception, 18. wealth, 19. classic, 20. loop

21. do____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
22. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
23. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
24. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
25. assisted chi_____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
26. for_____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
27. a joint ve_____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
28. ed_____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
29. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
30. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
31. re____e a company from bankruptcy *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

ANSWERS: 21. dominate, 22. doe, 23. entrepreneur, 24. chain, 25. childbirth, 26. formidable, 27. venture, 28. educated, 29. decision, 30. wealth, 31. rescue

32. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
33. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
34. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
35. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
36. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
37. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
38. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
39. do____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
40. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
41. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
42. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
43. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 32. bias, 33. delight, 34. unique, 35. norm, 36. argue, 37. decide, 38. fierce, 39. dominate, 40. bias, 41. sub-Saharan, 42. quest, 43. invite

44. political pl____ok *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
45. for____le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
46. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
47. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
48. early-stage st____up *n.* a newly established company or business
49. Chinese cl____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
50. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
51. blink in ast____ent *n.* a feeling of very great surprise
52. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 44. playbook, 45. formidable, 46. survive, 47. loop, 48. start-up, 49. classic, 50. survive, 51. astonishment, 52. hero

53. ve____e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
54. ed____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
55. strict ca__n *n.* a set of rules, principles, or standards by which something is judged or measured
56. su__y luster *v.* to tarnish or damage the purity or integrity of; to defile
57. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
58. a successful ent____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
59. traditional me____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
60. sub____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
61. in____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
62. st____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
63. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
64. s__o organization *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

ANSWERS: 53. venture, 54. educated, 55. canon, 56. sully, 57. critic, 58. entrepreneur, 59. medicinal, 60. sub-Saharan, 61. investor, 62. start-up, 63. faith, 64. silo

65. pl____ok strategy *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
66. a real estate in____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
67. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
68. lack of ox____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
69. ro____ly scheduled maintenance *adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
70. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
71. natural chi____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
72. the scalability of blo____in *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
73. tr__h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
74. his business ent____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

ANSWERS: 65. playbook, 66. investor, 67. bound, 68. oxygen, 69. routinely, 70. gap, 71. childbirth, 72. blockchain, 73. trash, 74. enterprise

75. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
76. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
77. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
78. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
79. blo_____in platform *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
80. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
81. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
82. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
83. struck with ast_____ent *n.* a feeling of very great surprise

ANSWERS: 75. novel, 76. innovation, 77. pitch, 78. gap, 79. blockchain, 80. doe, 81. unexpected, 82. pitch, 83. astonishment

84. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
85. lease in _____on *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
86. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
87. tr__h bin *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
88. the hydrogen binds the ox____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
89. co_____er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
90. su__y the beauty of the beach *v.* to tarnish or damage the purity or integrity of; to defile
91. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
92. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
93. argue with a co_____er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
94. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something

ANSWERS: 84. peer, 85. inception, 86. revenue, 87. trash, 88. oxygen, 89. coworker, 90. sully, 91. innovation, 92. faith, 93. coworker, 94. operate

95. dis_____ate against women employees
v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
96. bo__ded with delight
v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
97. on a qu__t for happiness
n. a long or challenging search for something
98. flat ab__k
adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
99. nuclear s__o
n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
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n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
101. fa_____y novel
n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
102. private phi_____opy
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
103. de_____on authority
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 95. discriminate, 96. bound, 97. quest, 98. aback, 99. silo, 100. statistics, 101. fantasy, 102. philanthropy, 103. decision

104. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
105. tax re____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
106. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
107. ca__n law *n.* a set of rules, principles, or standards by which something is judged or measured
108. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
109. a fi___e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
110. re___e a dying dog *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
111. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
112. ro_____ly check *adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
113. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
114. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
115. pr____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 104. chain, 105. revenue, 106. peer, 107. canon, 108. predict, 109. fierce, 110. rescue, 111. amazing, 112. routinely, 113. operate, 114. norm, 115. predict

116. ab__k shock *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
117. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
118. mo____ge payment *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

ANSWERS: 116. aback, 117. invite, 118. mortgage

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
 - n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

2. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
 - n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

3. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
 - n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

4. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
 - v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

5. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
 - n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

6. The idea for the company was formed at its _____ and has since grown into a successful business.
 - n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

7. The sudden news of the merger took me _____.
 - adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something

8. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
 - n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 1. wealth, 2. revenue, 3. doe, 4. survive, 5. delight, 6. inception, 7. aback, 8. statistics

9. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.
n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
10. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.
adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening
11. He was present at the _____ of his children.
n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby
12. Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of _____ technology.
n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
13. The farmer used a _____ to store feed for the animals.
n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
14. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
15. She researched gender _____ in politics.
n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
16. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 9. oxygen, 10. fierce, 11. childbirth, 12. blockchain, 13. silo, 14. fantasy, 15. bias, 16. medicinal

17. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
18. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry ____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
19. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
- adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
20. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
21. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
22. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
- v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
23. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.
- n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
24. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
- n.* a long or challenging search for something
25. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

ANSWERS: 17. gap, 18. norms, 19. unique, 20. innovation, 21. predict, 22. operate, 23. venture, 24. quest, 25. unexpected

26. A growing _____ requires a bold leader.
n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
27. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.
adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
28. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
29. They were able to purchase their dream home with a _____ from the bank.
n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
30. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
31. The fire department arrived just in time to _____ the family from the burning building.
v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
32. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
33. My ex-_____ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

ANSWERS: 26. enterprise, 27. formidable, 28. dominates, 29. mortgage, 30. philanthropy, 31. rescue, 32. hero, 33. coworker

34. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

35. The politician tried to _____ the reputation of a rival.

v. to tarnish or damage the purity or integrity of; to defile

36. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

37. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

38. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

39. They _____ conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the building knows what to do in an emergency.

adv. on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

40. You should not _____ against minorities.

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

41. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 34. sub-Saharan, 35. sully, 36. critics, 37. investors, 38. invite, 39. routinely, 40. discriminate, 41. loop

42. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
43. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
44. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.
n. a newly established company or business
45. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
46. He kept his robust _____ in his company.
n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
47. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
48. They stood rooted in _____ for a while.
n. a feeling of very great surprise
49. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

ANSWERS: 42. decision, 43. classic, 44. start-up, 45. chain, 46. faith, 47. peer, 48. astonishment, 49. pitch

50. The _____ of classical literature includes works by Shakespeare, Chaucer, and Homer.

n. a set of rules, principles, or standards by which something is judged or measured

51. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

52. Canada _____ on the United States.

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

53. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

adj. having received a high standard of education

54. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of _____ in the streets.

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

55. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

56. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

57. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 50. canon, 51. Entrepreneurs, 52. bounds, 53. educated, 54. trash, 55. novel, 56. decide, 57. amazing

58. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

59. The coach's _____ helped the team win the championship.

- n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

ANSWERS: 58. argue, 59. playbook